

Architectural / Historical Inventory
Fitchburg

Area Form No. M Burial Grounds

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Area M Burial Grounds Form 800

Laurel Street and Franklin Street





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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

Location Laurel St. and Franklin St.

Religious affiliation None

Name Laurel Hill Cemetery
(Was Mount Laurel)

Condition: (Well kept up)
(if neglected, explain how)

Neglected

Owner City of Fitchburg

Who has further information about burial ground?
Fitchburg Public Library

D.A.R. Library in Wash. D.C., and Boston

"Early History of Fitchburg, including Laurel Hill & Greek Cemeteries"
(Address)

Vol. II 1939

by Estella S McCarty

What type information: lot plans inscriptions
gravestone descriptions other

Names by lot of all buried and Date of

Death. Names and info. on all revolutionary soldiers buried.

Approx. number gravestones Thousands

Earliest death date c.1763

Most recent death date 1977, Present

2. HISTORY OF BURIAL GROUND

In 1800 a committee was chosen to select a place for the new cemetery in the middle of town. The owner of the hill at that time gave freeland to anyone desiring a buried lot. One of these lots was the Whitney lot given in 1763 (?) as time went on the rest of the hill was purchased by the town. In 1827 the Town built a hearse house. The Sept. office is on the 2nd floor (1939). The first name was Mount Laurel. The name now is Laurel Hill covering nearby the whole hill forming a veritable city of the dead overlooking the city of the living.

3. MONUMENTS-Overall condition: upright fallen (approx. no.) _____ inscription legibility _____

4. MAP: Footage from street _____

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Name of Recorder Frank Garretson

Fitchburg Historical
Organization Commission

Date March 1977

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A. Architectural or Sculptural Monuments

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B. Pre-1830 Stones (See Reference)

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Area M Burial Grounds Form 801

South Street



FORM E - BURIAL GROUNDS
MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
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Religious affiliation None

Owner City of Fitchburg

Who has further information about burial ground?

Fitchburg Cemetery Dept. and
Fitchburg Public Library
(Address)

What type information: lot plans inscriptions
gravestone descriptions other

1. Town Fitchburg, Mass.

Location South St.

Name South St. Cemetery

Condition: Well kept up ☒ Neglected
(if neglected, explain how)

Approx. number gravestones 114 bodies

Earliest death date 1766

Most recent death date 1851

2. HISTORY OF BURIAL GROUND

In 1766, Deacon Amos Kimball donated an acre of land for this cemetery in consideration of the love and respect he bore the people of the town. p.102 The City and The River.

Present size of area is 35,886 sq.ft.

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*See "Early History of Fitchburg Including the Five Earliest Cemeteries" Vol.1, 1937 by E. Stella S. McCarty at the Fitchburg Public Library

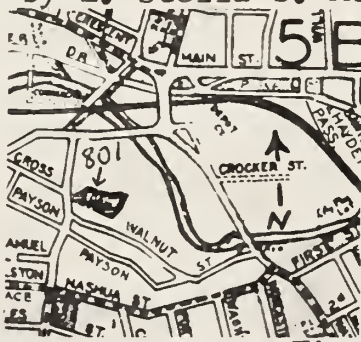


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Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

Religious affiliation None

Owner City of Fitchburg

Who has further information about burial ground?

Fitchburg Public Library
"Early History of Fitchburg Including the
(Address) Five Earliest Cemeteries" Vol. 1,
1937 by E. Stella S. McCarty
What type information: lot plans inscriptions
gravestone descriptions other

1. Town Fitchburg, Mass.

Location Caswell Road

Name Dean Hill Cemetery

Condition: Well kept up ☒ Neglected
(if neglected, explain how)

Approx. number gravestones 98 bodies

Earliest death date 1791

Most recent death date 1901

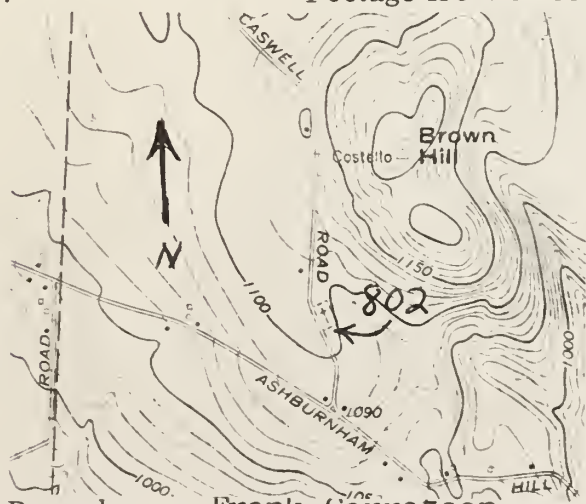
2. HISTORY OF BURIAL GROUND

There were Tablet, on both sides of the entrance erected by D.A.R. in 1903. Left side stolen in 1973 and right side in 1974. Table on right side "In Memory of Revolutionary Soldiers" w/nine names and ending w/and others whose graves are unmarked,

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4. MAP: Footage from street

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None

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B. Pre-1830 Stones 57 1830 stones. See list at City Cemetery Dept.

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West Street



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Religious affiliation None

Owner City of Fitchburg

Who has further information about burial ground?

City Cemetery Dept., Public Library

(Address)

What type information: lot plans inscriptions
gravestone descriptions other

1. Town Fitchburg, Mass.

Location West Street

Name West St. Cemetery

Condition: Well kept up Neglected
(if neglected, explain how)

Approx. number gravestones 18 people

Earliest death date 1801

Most recent death date 1876

2. HISTORY OF BURIAL GROUND

Year started 1801.

In 1938 an old underground tomb was formed. On opening the tomb all was disintegrated. It was resealed. This became a Town of Fitchburg Cemetery in 1847.

7,259 Sq.ft.

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teries" Vol 1, 1937 by E. Stella S. McCarty at the Fitchburg
Public Library

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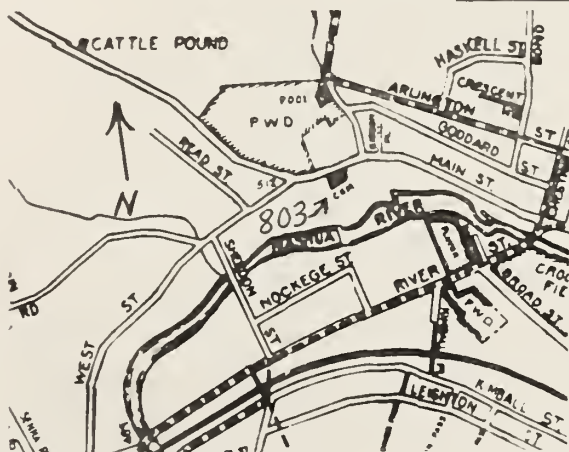


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Family Name

Monument

Type

Sculptor/Artist

Photo

Pre-1830 Stones

Key

Words

Status

Last Name

First Name

Sex

Date _____

Age

Shape

Design

Condition

Photo

Allen

Abigail
Hearsey

July 11,
1808

Foster

Joe

March 30,
1874

Eaton

Warren F.

July 1831

Eaton

Thomas S.

Jan. 25,
1806

Proctor

Uriah

AUG. 22,
1879

Parkhurst

Henry

Oct. 5,
1829

Blanchard

Alva

Oct. 3,
1829,

Farr, Lucy, Nov. 7, 1829

Crouch, Sarah Oct. 15, 1829

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Area M Burial Grounds Form 804

109 Mt. Elam Road



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FORM E - BURIAL GROUNDS
MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
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Religious affiliation None
Owner City of Fitchburg
Who has further information about burial ground?
"Early History of Fitchburg
V. III McCarty 1940 1941
Fitchburg Public Library
(Address) and Fitchburg Cemetery Dept.
What type information: lot plans inscriptions
gravestone descriptions other

1. Town Fitchburg, Mass.
Location 109 Mt. Elam Rd.
Name Forest Hill Cemetery
Condition: Well kept up ☒ Neglected
(if neglected, explain how)

Approx. number gravestones Thousands
Earliest death date c. 1856
Most recent death date Present

2. HISTORY OF BURIAL GROUND

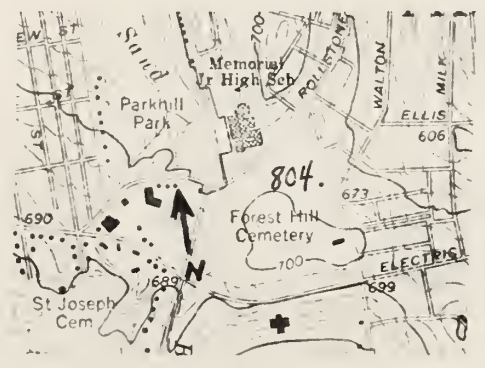
In 1856 the town purchased of Charles Gerry, Silas Hosmer and Leri
Down about 50 ac. of land situated on Mt. Elam Rd. at a cost of
a little over \$2,000.00 work was begin upon clearing and laying
out the grounds.

See but site - cemetery & map

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5. INDIVIDUAL STONES

Architectural or Sculptural Monuments

Family Name		Date of Monument		Type	Sculptor/Artist			Photo
BLDG.								
Forest Hill Abbey								
Neo Classic	1920-Indiana Greystone	480	Private Crypts, 18 private rooms					

Pre-1830 Stones None

Key Words		Status	Last Name	First Name	Sex	Death Date	Stone			Condition	Photo
							Age	Shape	Design		

Complete documentation of Graves of Veterans of all Wars in all cemeteries in Fitchburg.

1776-1917 By-Capt. Francis E. Barrett

April 6th 1938

with maps - - all hand done

H.M. Francis ---- 1908 ---- Lot 464

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Religious affiliation _____

Owner _____

Who has further information about burial ground?

(Address) _____

What type information: lot plans inscriptions
gravestone descriptions other

1. Town Fitchburg, Mass.

Location Alpine Rd.

Name Alpine Hill Cemetery

Condition: Well kept up
(if neglected, explain how)

Neglected

No markers

Approx. number gravestones _____

Earliest death date _____

Most recent death date _____

2. HISTORY OF BURIAL GROUND

In a corner of the field on the old Burnap farm lie buried Deacon Tilden. Mrs. Tilden, his wife and his mother, their children Sylvester Tilden and Irene Tilden. No markers.

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Architectural or Sculptural Monuments

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Pre-1830 Stones

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